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assistant, and further requests that Dr. Olive Swazey of the Department of Zoology at the University of California be appointed at a salary of \$2100 per annum and traveling expenses from the University of California to Hoboken. The Executive Committee of the Medical Division recommends this appropriation for one year.

A grant of \$500 has been approved to support investigations on measles now in progress at Camp Devens conducted by Dr. Sellards. This amount is to be paid to Colonel F. F. Russell to be expended at his discretion.

Moved: That the above recommendations of the Division of Medical Sciences be approved. (Adopted.)

Mr. Hale *moved:* That the President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, or a representative of the Association, be made ex-officio a member of the Executive Board. (Adopted.)

Moved: That the Executive Board of the National Research Council recommend to the Council of the National Academy of Sciences that authority be given for the inclusion of the following as a Section in the Plan of Organization of the National Research Council.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Council of the National Academy of Sciences at any stated meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to each member of the Council of the National Academy at least thirty days in advance of the stated meeting. (Adopted.)

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

PAUL BRACKETT, *Assistant Secretary.*

ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

The National Academy of Sciences, under the authority conferred upon it by its charter enacted by Congress, and approved by President Lincoln on March 3, 1863, and pursuant to the request expressed in an Executive Order made by President Wilson on May 11, 1918, hereto appended, adopts the following permanent organization for the National Research Council, to replace the temporary organization under which it has operated heretofore.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the National Research Council to promote research in the mathematical, physical, and biological sciences, and in the application of these sciences to engineering, agriculture, medicine, and other useful arts, with the object of increasing knowledge, of strengthening the national defense, and of contributing in other ways to the public welfare, as expressed in the Executive Order of May 11, 1918.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the National Research Council shall be chosen with the view of rendering the Council an effective federation of the principal research agencies in the United States concerned with the fields of science and technology named in Article I.

Section 2. The Council shall consist of

1. Representatives of national scientific and technical societies;
2. Representatives of the Government, as provided in the Executive Order;
3. Representatives of other research organizations and other persons whose aid may advance the objects of the Council.

ARTICLE III. DIVISIONS

Section 1. The Council shall be organized in Divisions of two classes:

A. Divisions dealing with the more general relations and activities of the Council;

B. Divisions dealing with related branches of science and technology.

Section 2. The initial constitution of the Divisions of the Council shall be as follows:

A. Divisions of General Relations B. Divisions of Science and Technology

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| I. Government Division, | VII. Division of Physical Sciences, |
| II. Foreign Relations Division, | VIII. Division of Engineering, |
| III. States Relations Division, | IX. Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, |
| IV. Educational Relations Division, | X. Division of Geology and Geography, |
| V. Industrial Relations Division, | XI. Division of Medical Sciences, |
| VI. Research Information Service, | XII. Division of Biology and Agriculture, |
| | XIII. Division of Anthropology and Psychology. |

Section 3. The number of divisions and the grouping of subjects in Article III, Section 2, may be modified by the Executive Board of the National Research Council.

Section 4. The Divisions of General Relations shall be organized by the Executive Board of the National Research Council (Article IV, Section 2).

Section 5. To secure the effective federation of the principal research agencies in the United States, provided for in Article II, a majority of the members of each Division in the group of Science and Technology shall consist of representatives of scientific and technical societies, chosen as provided for in Article V, Section 2. The other members of the Division shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Division, approved by the Executive Board of the National Research Council, and appointed in accordance with Article V, Section 4.

Section 6. The Divisions of the Council, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish sections and committees, any of which may include members chosen outside the membership of the Council.

ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The affairs of each Division shall be administered by a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and an Executive Committee, of which the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall be ex-officio members, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Division and confirmed by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The affairs of the National Research Council shall be administered by an Executive Board, of which the President and Home Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences, the President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Divisions of Science and Technology, and the chairmen of the Divisions of General Relations shall be ex-officio members. The Executive Board may elect additional members, not to exceed ten in number, who, if not already members of the National Research Council, shall be appointed thereto, in accordance with Article V, Section 4.

Section 3. The officers of the National Research Council shall consist of a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall also serve as members and officers of the Executive Board of the Council.

Section 4. The officers of the National Research Council, excepting the Treasurer, shall be elected annually by the Executive Board. The Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences shall be ex-officio Treasurer of the National Research Council.

Section 5. The duties of the officers of the Council and of the Divisions shall be fixed by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The government bureaus, civil and military, to be represented in the Government Division, and the scientific and technical societies, to be represented in the Divisions of Science and Technology of the National Research Council, shall be determined by joint action of the Council of the National Academy of Sciences and the Executive Board of the National Research Council.

Section 2. Representatives of scientific and technical societies shall be nominated by the societies, at the request of the Executive Board, and appointed by the President of the National Academy of Sciences to membership in the Council and assigned to one of its divisions.

Section 3. The representatives of the government shall be nominated by the President of the National Academy of Sciences after conference with the Secretaries of the Departments concerned, and the names of those nominated shall be presented to the President of the United States for designation by him for service with the National Research Council.

Section 4. Other members of the Council shall be nominated by the Executive Committees of the Divisions, approved by the Executive Board, and appointed by the President of the National Academy of Sciences to membership and assigned to one of the Divisions.

Section 5. Prior to the first annual meeting of the Council following January 1, 1919, all Divisions shall be organized by appointment of their members in accordance with Article II and Article V, Sections 1 to 4.

Section 6. As far as practicable one-third of the original representatives of each scientific and technical society and approximately one-third of the other

original members of each of the Divisions of Science and Technology shall serve for a term of three years, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of one year, their respective terms to be determined by lot. Each year thereafter, as the terms of members expire, their successors shall be appointed for a period of three years.

Section 7. The government representatives shall serve for periods of three years, unless they previously retire from the government office which they represent, in which case their successors shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

Section 8. As far as practicable a similar rotation shall be observed in the appointment of the members of the Divisions of General Relation.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Council shall hold one stated meeting, called the annual meeting, in April of each year, in the city of Washington, on a date to be fixed by the Executive Board. Other meetings of the Council shall be held on call of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board and each of the Divisions shall hold an annual meeting, at which officers shall be elected, at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Council, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board, and such other meetings as may be required for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Joint meetings of the Executive Board of the National Research Council and the Council of the National Academy of Sciences shall be held from time to time, to consider special requests from the government, the selection of organizations to be represented in the National Research Council, and other matters which, in the judgment of the President of the National Academy, requires the attention of both bodies.

ARTICLE VII. PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Section 1. An annual report on the work of the National Research Council shall be presented by the chairman to the National Academy of Sciences, for submission to Congress in connection with the annual report of the President of the Academy.

Section 2. Other publications of the National Research Council may include papers, bulletins, reports, and memoirs, which may appear in the Proceedings or Memoirs of the National Academy of Sciences, in the publications of other societies, in scientific and technical journals, or in a separate series of the Research Council.